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Opening Remarks

Red Bar Rising

I didn't get to The Red Bar as much as I would have liked, but I have total recall of every single visit there.

A Sunday brunch date with a young lady who spent the entire time making googly eyes over Dread Clampitt bassist Kenny Oliverio. I did not request a second date.

An interview with the legendary drummer John "Jabo" Starks, who performed with the Red Bar Jazz Band (they'll be back too, folks). I was told beforehand not to ask any questions about Mr. Starks' time in the James Brown band. Turns out it didn't matter—we talked about a lot of interesting things, and the man's love of all musical genres continues to inspire me.

Okay, a few of the other visits are a little fuzzy. I didn't make it over there for several years after I was transplanted to the Emerald Coast due to my experience on the set of *The Truman Show*, filmed mostly in and around Seaside. The cast and crew always talked about going to The Red Bar after the day's filming, and by the end of a long day of sitting in the background players' tent doing nothing, I didn't feel like running into those godawful movie people.

But I will be one of the first people in line for the inevitable reopening of The Red Bar 2.0.

Bruce Collier writes about his Red Bar experiences in this issue's Food + Beverage section, and our fearless music correspondent Nikki Hedrick shares her thoughts as well.



The late great Cheech at The Red Bar. "We miss him so," says Rachel Anderson, "and he was always at Red Bar after or before we went to Grayton Beach."

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This Issue's Contributors

Danette Benton (Beyond Beachcomberland) is an award-winning photographer that has been featured on multiple magazine covers and in numerous articles. Her subject preferences include wildlife, landscapes and street photography. When asked about her favorite type of photography, though, her reply is always, "Life around me. As if there wasn't a photographer anywhere in sight. I like to capture everyday life."

She has an extreme love for travel and a great sense of humor. Her travel blog is not a "we went here, we stayed there, we ate this" type of blog. She blogs in a way that you experience her trips with her—the good, the beautiful, the not so great, and in-between. She believes the best stories are the mishaps, the getting lost, and the unusual characters you meet along the way.

While you will find great information in her blog about places she has been, you will also get a humorous side to the adventures as they are retold. Her itineraries are very full. She believes in hitting the ground running as soon as the plane lands to see everything there is to see in the wherever she is visiting.

Buckle up and join her on this amazing journey called life at **Passportgal.com**.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** (Live Music Review) is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently gearing up for beach wedding season and wonders if anyone can own too many concert t-shirts.

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Samantha Lambert (Recommended Reading) writes: "Very happy to be two years back in the Sunshine State! Enjoying traveling with my husband and spending a lot of time out in the fresh air at various events and festivals."

Dr. David C. Simmons (Movies + TV) is a professor of Film Studies and Humanities at Northwest Florida State College. He received his Ph.D. in Humanities and Film Studies from Florida State University in 2005. He is also the faculty advisor of the NWFS Film Club and the NWFS Gay-Straight Alliance.

David is currently writing several books, including two on nonviolence. In his spare time, he enjoys watching films, conducting choirs, singing with the Northwest Florida Symphony Chorale, and being an advocate for social justice.

Evangeline Murphy (Movies + TV) graduated from the University of West Florida with a BA in English and Creative Writing. She hopes to use these skills to be an editor and, eventually, a novelist. Evangeline was born and raised in Fort Walton Beach.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

If you jump to this issue's News from Beachcomberland, you'll see that the first of two (so far) fundraising events for Red Bar employees (really, the Red Bar Family) was a huge success.

I misplaced Red Bar proprietor Oli Petit's phone number, or maybe it vanished when I finally upgraded my dumbphone to a smartphone. The email I have for him is outdated as well (**oli@myspace.com?!?**). So, Oli, if you're reading this—and I know you are, because you've always been a great supporter of *Beachcomber*—I'm ready to settle that old bar tab now.

And very much looking forward to starting a new one.

*Love,
Editor Manson*

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 14-27 *Beachcomber's* Movies + TV section, the late great actor Albert Finney was misidentified in his tribute photo as the late great actor Dick Miller. We are very sorry for the mistake, but at least Mr. Finney made it into this year's "In Memoriam" slideshow on the Oscars telecast.

Also, in last issue's Your Thoughts and Comments, the Editor's Note following Aly Bockler's thought/comment should have read:

"The lovely and talented Aly Bockler is the frontwoman for the awesome rock band Conjugal Visit!! We hope to see her at the Beachcomber Music Awards Monday, **Aug. 26**, at Al's Beach Club on Okaloosa Island. And at the grand reopening of The Red Bar 2.0 in Grayton Beach, date TBA. Hugs!"

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

The last line in this article ("The More Things Don't Change" by Charles Morgan III, Feb. 14-27 *Beachcomber*) should be a huge wakeup call. Proud to know the great man that wrote it.

- Ian Cobb

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Community Rallies Behind Red Bar Staffers to the Tune of \$27,590

Thousands of people gathered Sunday, February 17, at Grayton Beer Company in Santa Rosa Beach to show their support for The Red Bar and its 100-plus employees who are rebounding after an early morning fire destroyed the Grayton Beach restaurant earlier in the week. The Red Bar Employee Benefit Concert raised a total of \$27,590.56.

Following news of the fire, a number of local individuals and businesses rallied their resources to plan the benefit. The five-hour event included

performances by Tanner Gray, Andi and Ken Johnson, TKO, The Wildlife Specials, and Beachcomber Music Award winners Fritz Froeschner, Cadillac Willy, and the Forrest Williams Band.

The event would not have been possible without the expeditious and complementary assistance from Shofar Stage Productions, South Walton Reef Association, Oyster City Brewing Company, Grayton Beer Company, Grayton Beer Brewpub, Cultural Arts Alliance, Proffitt PR, The



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Lewis Bear Company, AJ's Grayton Beach, and Johnny on the Spot.

"Our brothers and sisters at The Red Bar needed the community to step up, and they did so in spades," said **Jamey Price**, Grayton Beer Company president and founder. "The scale of this benefit concert would normally take months of planning. A very dedicated group pulled it off in less than a day. It was our goal to bridge

the gap between the fire and The Red Bar employees finding employment. We made great strides on Sunday."

Those who were unable to attend the event but still wish to donate can do so by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/official-redbar-go-fund-me>. This is the only GoFundMe account that is officially endorsed by The Red Bar.

- Chelsea Blauch



NWF State College's Forensics Team: First We Take Florida...

The Northwest Florida State College Forensics Team recently competed in the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) State Championship Tournament at Tallahassee Community College. The team gave a strong performance by finishing first in Readers Theater, third in Individual Events, and fourth in overall Team Sweepstakes.

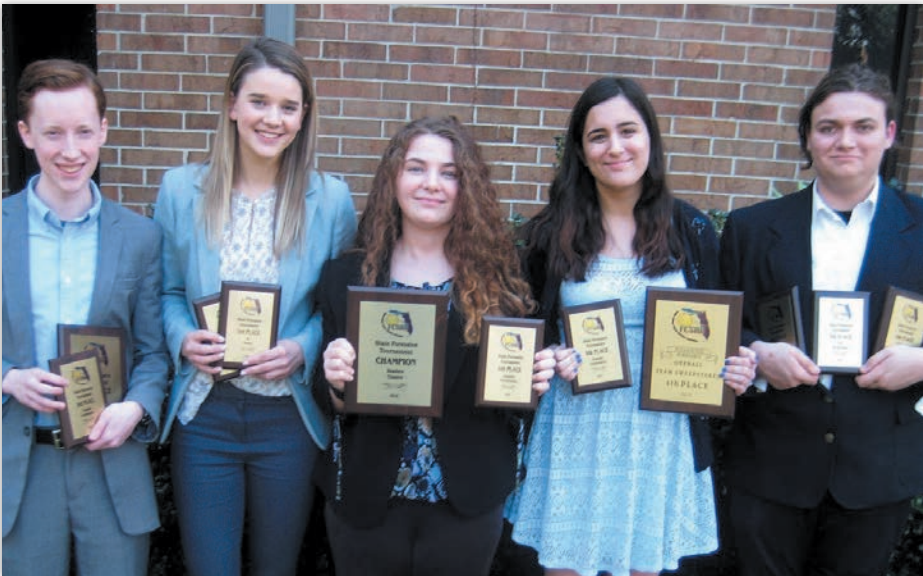
Individual team member performances are as follows: Samira Chaudhry—fifth in Dramatic Interpretation, fifth in Duo Interpretation, and sixth in Informative Speaking; James Evans—fifth in Communication Analysis, fifth in Duo Interpretation, and sixth in Dramatic Interpretation; Caleb Heathershaw—second in Persuasive Speaking and third in Dramatic Interpretation; Abigail Mainor—

fourth in Duo Interpretation and seventh in Dramatic Interpretation; Jessica Ponce—fourth in Dramatic Interpretation and fourth in Duo Interpretation.

"We are extremely proud of this immensely talented forensics team for bringing a state championship home to NWF State College," said president **Dr. Devin Stephenson**. "Their hard work and dedication, along with guidance from Hall of Fame Coach Cecil Scalf, have made a tremendous impact at the state level."

Coach Scalf was also inducted into the FCSAA Hall of Fame, Forensics Division, during the tournament awards ceremony preceding the competition.

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From left—Caleb Heathershaw, Crestview; Abigail Mainor, Baker; Jessica Ponce, Shalimar; Samira Chaudhry, Shalimar; and James Evans, Fort Walton Beach.

It's 2019, Not 1919. Ditch the Blackface – It's Racist and Offensive

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

It's about time.

White people with scissors are anxiously digging through boxes of old photographs, poised to snip into pieces any snapshots showing them with black shoe polish on their faces.

Others are frantically purging the photo files on their smart phones.

Some of these folks are decent people who did something racist and insensitive, thinking it was funny and harmless. Some are racists who did something racist and insensitive, thinking only it was funny.

And some are simply clueless. They don't think much at all.

If you're a white person who has—for whatever dumbass reason—smeared shoe polish on your face and gone to a party pretending to be black, this is a good moment for reflection: Why on Earth did I do that? And why did I let some fool take my picture? Was I stoned? Was I drunk? Did I lose a bet?

The current blackface scandal is providing a spectrum of bad examples from which obvious lessons may be drawn.

Naturally, it blew up first in Florida. On Jan. 24, the Republican secretary of state, Michael Ertel, hastily

resigned after the Tallahassee *Democrat* obtained photos of him with his face painted black. Ertel also was wearing earrings, red lipstick, a New Orleans Saints bandanna and a T-shirt bearing the words "Katrina Victim."

His pose was doubly abhorrent because it mocked not only blacks, but everyone whose lives were upended by that hurricane. The pictures were taken at a Halloween party in 2005, only two months after Katrina killed 1,836 people, most of them in Louisiana—and most of them African-Americans.

At the time of the photo, Ertel wasn't some witless kid at a frat-house rush. He was the supervisor of elections in Seminole County.

One week after his story erupted, it was the Democrats' turn in Virginia. A conservative website got a photo from Gov. Ralph Northam's medical-school yearbook purportedly showing him wearing blackface, standing beside another young man in a Ku Klux Klan outfit.

At first Northam apologized for appearing in the offensive picture. Then, in a weird about-face, the next day he declared that he wasn't in the photo after all.

However, he admitted that he'd once darkened his skin and dressed up like Michael Jackson to perform the singer's famous moonwalk. Northam expressed regret, though it hasn't muted the demands from civil rights groups and state leaders of both parties

for his resignation. As of this writing, the governor has refused to quit.

Even if one gave him the benefit of the doubt—that he did something wrong as a young man, and learned from it—troubling questions linger. Northam's confusion about the blackface photo, for instance.

As a white guy whose memory isn't always flawless, I'm still pretty sure I'd remember if a racist picture had appeared on my personal yearbook page, and I would absolutely remember if I was one of the two boneheads in that picture.

Nobody needs 24 hours to positively identify their own face, unless they've posed for so many such pictures that they've lost track.

Remember that this took place in 1984, 20 whole years after the Civil Rights Act was passed, and 16 years after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Was there not one editor of the Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook who was bothered by the image of future doctors in blackface or a Klan hood?

Northam's exposure triggered more political chaos in Virginia. Last week a woman came forward with a sexual assault accusation against Justin Fairfax, the African-American lieutenant governor who is next in line for Northam's job.

Fairfax has denied any wrongdoing, saying the encounter was consensual.

Now the third person in the order of succession, Attorney General Mark Herring, admits that he, too, once wore blackface. He says he went to a college party 38 years ago dressed as Kurtis Blow, a rapper whose songs he enjoyed.

Herring has apologized profusely, just as Northam apologized for his King of Pop moment, and Michael Ertel apologized for his Katrina-victim costume.

It doesn't matter why or how the Ertel photos were leaked. The images aren't fake. His antics are much more odious because he was 35 at the time, not 19, and he was ridiculing minority victims of a deadly natural disaster.

But times change, and sometimes people do, too. All of us have done dumb, cruel things that could be reappraised in a broader context and, if we're lucky, forgiven.

For all those with memories of blackface high jinx hidden away, the scissors are your friend. So is the Delete button.

It's 2019. Enough already.

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It's All About the People

By Charles Morgan III

The restaurant business, which is all I know, is an old one. There have been taverns and cafés for centuries. While the industry has changed greatly over time, there has been one constant. I have learned that the most valuable asset of a business has nothing to do with property or structures—it has to do with people. A comfortable place and a nice view are fine, but there is more to a successful restaurant than the old real estate mantra “location, location, location.”

For me, it is all about the people. It is about the people who work in a restaurant and the people who frequent it. It is, of course, also about the food. The death knell of many places is their insistence on themes and gimmicks. Themes get old, good food and service don't. Gimmicks might get people in the door, but customers won't keep coming back unless there is substance.

In Destin, where transience is a part of life and the labor shortage is so acute that we now have workers imported from around the world, what can you do to develop a good workforce?

Harbor Docks has been selling seafood on the Destin Harbor since 1979. While it is hard not to sound pompous when describing a business philosophy, we have been fairly successful, so I thought I would share some of our secrets. After all, eight out of 10 of the bestsellers on the *New York Times* nonfiction list are either business guides or self-help books. Even though I've never read either type of book, I have some ideas of my own.

One of the things we have done to try to make Harbor Docks an attractive place to work is to take care of each other. The word “family” is overused when it is applied to the workplace. Harbor Docks represents, for many people, more of a family than the one they grew up in. We have people who have spent their entire working lives with us. Consequently, the issues they have faced have been shared with all of us.

There are good and bad times in life. We have paid obstetricians and hospitals for employees to bring children into this world, and we have paid funeral homes to take loved ones away. We have arranged for a dishwasher to have a quintuple bypass with Dr. Pacifico at UAB, and we have dealt with emergency rooms at local hospitals to the point that we

know all the personnel. We have fed more nurses in our area than you can imagine. I learned long ago that when you feed the medical staff attending to a patient, the patient tends to get a bit more attention.

Sometimes we seem to operate as a bank as much as a restaurant. Many of our employees aren't on a first name basis with bank presidents. Many have never had a loan. If they are going to spend their days sweating it out in a hectic kitchen or behind a raucous bar, I have no problem in helping them out when they run into financial shortfalls.

We have paid for college educations for employees and their children, and we have paid for stints in rehab centers. We send employees on vacations, and we arrange for them to go fishing and hunting. We have helped them purchase houses, and we have helped rebuild their homes after hurricanes.

We have gotten employees out of jail, and we have provided them with legal help. When they have broken down cars, we provide them with cars that work.

Most of all, we try to provide them with the security that people need in this life, the security that comes with the knowledge that someone cares about them and will provide help when needed. If anything goes wrong, we will help. And with more than 400 employees, things go wrong every day. In return, we ask that they come to work on time.

We have found that once we have hired people and trained them, if they can be on time they'll be okay. We have so few rules and requirements, focusing on that one request—be on time—seems to be sufficient.

Besides, too many rules in the workplace detract from the issues that really matter. And the standard rules that many businesses have are unrealistic. Why have a policy against employees fraternizing with one another when it is inevitable it is going to happen? People who spend their working hours with others are going to want to spend leisure hours with them also. We ask a lot of our employees during their 40 hours of work—what they do on their own time doesn't concern me much. We have workplace romances and divorces and everything in between.

My goal is to treat the people I work with in such a way that they would be willing to jump in front of a large fast-moving truck for me. The tired old adage “Don't ask anyone to do something you wouldn't do yourself” is one that I don't like. I don't want to wash dishes, and that's why we pay someone else handsomely to do it.

We try to take advantage of the opportunities we have as an independent business. Compared to corporate-owned chain restaurants, we should be able to improvise more easily, adjust and change more quickly, and operate in a more relaxed manner. We provide our employees with opportunity and assistance that the nameless, faceless chain restaurants can't or won't provide.

Another cliché often heard in the business world is that “good help is hard to find.” I am fairly sure that for many people, “good employers are hard to find” rings just as true.

I wrote this 12 years ago. It could have been written today.



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A Walk in the Park with Artist Lori Drew

Artist Lori Drew invites you to take “A Walk in the Park,” as her solo show opens at Santa Rosa Beach’s Coastal Branch Library Friday, **March 1**. The exhibit features all-new impressions of the natural beauty of our national parks.

Ms. Drew, the 2017 South Walton Mixed Media Artist of the Year, says she wanted a new challenge for this exhibit. “We’ve been hiking national parks each summer for 10 years, and

I have beautiful photographs to use for inspiration. It felt like a good time to challenge myself with new palettes and a more diverse view of nature’s beauty.”

The oil and cold wax artist is known for her peaceful representations of the Emerald Coast and its shorebirds. She steps out into a whole new creative world with the new, never-before-exhibited collection. Viewers will enjoy her impressions of Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Acadia, the Rockies, Olympic, the Everglades and more. Ms. Drew promises to include several works from our local state parks.

“Like my paintings of our amazing beaches and coastal dune lakes, these works are not representational, but rather my impressions of the landscapes—both up close and from a distance,” she says. Mountains, waterfalls, wildlife, geothermal formations, swamps and rain forests, sand dunes and paths in the wilderness create a sense of peace for the artist, and her intent is to share that serenity with everyone.



Discover more at www.loridrew.net. Her studio/gallery is located in Point Washington, and other works are

available at East End Gallery in Inlet Beach.

- Nan Ream

Art

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSOS) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

March 2. Life Drawing/Life Painting, 9 AM-12:30 PM. Open session with no instructor. Bring your own materials and work with a model in drawing or painting—no photography allowed. To sign up, call or text Mike at 850-803-5707.

March 16. Concrete Stepping Stone Workshop with Charlotte Snyder, 9 AM-noon. Make an eye-catching stone for your yard or garden. Cost is \$70 (\$65 for ADSO members),

all supplies included...though if you have a glass cutter, bring it!



March 28. Sip and Paint with Linda Kernick, 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is “Marina Village,” which students may paint using their own favorite colors. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included—bring your beverage of choice.



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March 11. "Oh My! Oyster" at CREATE, Niceville. Cost is \$75.

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March 8. Paint and Chill with Andi Scurto, 6-8 PM. Cost is \$30. Sign up at www.andiart.com or call 850-543-6732.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit Heritage-Museum.org to sign up or for more info.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH FEB. 28. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

February's artist is **Racheal Homack**, currently a senior in the University of West Florida's Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Ms. Homack creates artwork using both repurposed and new materials in unconventional ways.

THROUGH FEB. 28. DOLLY VARI EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Determined to paint daily to perfect her skills, the Freeport artist's hope is that her ladies, florals and landscapes will delight. As a single parent of three successful children, she is grateful for all the networking and support of the Beachcomberland art community.

The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail. Hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tue.-Sat.

THROUGH MARCH 1. LEN DAVIS: "A THOUSAND WORDS" AT THE HOLZHAUER GALLERY, MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, NICEVILLE

This series explores the complicated interplay between the figurative and the literal. The series consists of 100 8-inch-by-5-inch collages combining drawings of faces, text and newsprint pages. With this series, Mr. Davis illustrates the differences in understanding we derive from reading facial expressions and reading text. The text and the facial expressions work together to build a mental image in viewers, ultimately proving the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 AM to 4 PM and 90 minutes prior to most Mainstage and Sprint Theater performances. For more info, contact KC at 850-729-6044 or artgalleries@nwfsc.edu.

THROUGH MARCH 1. SALVADOR DALI: "SURREAL VISIONS OF ETERNITY" AT THE MCILROY GALLERY, MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, NICEVILLE

Dali's surrealist interpretation of Dane Alighieri's literary work. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 AM to 4 PM and 90 minutes prior to most Mainstage and Sprint Theater

performances. For more info, contact KC at 850-729-6044 or artgalleries@nwfsc.edu.

THROUGH APRIL 22. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH

Artists include **Melody Bogle, Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Skip Deems, Sandra Horne, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Rosalyn O'Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton and Heather Clements.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 26. "FRESH START" AT EAST END GALLERY, INLET BEACH

Gallery hours are 10 AM-4 PM Mon.-Fri. and Saturdays by appointment. Call 850-252-5150 or email lori@eastend30a.com for more info.

THROUGH APRIL 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY'S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE

Artists include **Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Judy Walton, Christon Anderson and Heather Clements.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

OPENS MARCH 1. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



The March spotlight shines on **Charlotte Snyder**, who found a passion for pottery nearly 20 years ago. A lifelong gardener, she has always loved to get her hands in the dirt, citing an attraction within herself to the earth whether through molding clay or growing plants.

OPENS MARCH 1. LORI DREW EXHIBIT AT THE WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Ms. Drew's solo show "A Walk in the Park" features all new impressions of the natural beauty of our national parks. She was named South Walton Mixed Media Artist of the Year for 2017.

The library is located at 437 Greenway Trail. Hours are 9 AM-6 PM Mondays and 9 AM-5 PM Tue.-Sat.

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OPENS MARCH 12. ADZO'S "FAIRY TALE REINTERPRETED SHOW" AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Through **April 5**, enjoy works that depict fairy tale characters reinvented. Reception Friday, **March 15**, 6-8 PM, featuring a "Battle of the Brushes." More info at www.artsdesignsociety.org.

MARCH 23. ADZO COOKOUT AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Enjoy burgers, dogs, live music and more in the ADZO courtyard from 11 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$12. For an additional \$10, attendees can make a special art project (supplies included in the cost).

ART GALLERIES
ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and

international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen**

Broaderick. Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit www.CHROMA30A.com or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 AM- 3 PM. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook. Follow us on Instagram.

THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin's coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit justingaffrey.com or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin's most recent creations.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters*. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

THE SHARD SHOP open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. ShardShop.com/Grayton. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. ShardShop.com/Destin.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries

showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and Sunday, 1-4 PM. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS
Destin Library Exhibit Space
Local artists interested in showing their work are encouraged to contact Will Rogers at 850-837-8572.

ArtsQuest Fine Arts Festival
The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County invites artists to apply to exhibit in the 31st Annual ArtsQuest, happening **May 11 and 12** in South Walton. Artists who apply before **Jan. 31** will receive an early bird jury and booth rate fee. Artists are invited to apply in the categories of Mixed Media, Ceramics, Works on Paper, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Metal, Oils and Acrylics, Photography, Digital Art, Sculpture, and Wood (including furniture).

The final application deadline is **March 8**. Jurying is by art industry professionals. Previous year award winners from the 2018 ArtsQuest show do not need to submit jury fees and will be automatically admitted into the 2019 ArtsQuest show should they meet the application deadline.

Call the CAA office at 850-622-5970 for details, and apply to the event at Zapplication.org.

Arts and Design Society's "Fairy Tale Reinterpreted" Show
Open to all artists. All work, in any medium, must involve a fairy tale character reinvented. Turn in work Friday, **March 8**, noon-4 PM; and Monday, **March 11**, 9 AM-noon. Copy of entry form and additional details are available at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute 12th Annual Amateur Photo Contest
Submission deadline is 5 PM, **March 12**. First, second and third place photos will win cash prizes--\$250, \$150 and \$100 respectively. These photos, along with the additional honorable mentions, will comprise the 2020 Mattie M. Kelly Environmental Institute Calendar.

All submitted photos must have been taken in the Northwest Florida region within the last two years, and photo subjects must encompass the natural heritage of the Northwest Florida region.

Email mkei@nwfsc.edu for a full list of submission guidelines, contest rules and entry requirements. No purchase or payment is necessary to enter.

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival
Create an original artwork in your medium of choice to promote this year's festival. The winning submission will be used in festival promo materials, including website, t-shirts, programs, press releases and signage. Plus—bragging rights, 200 bucks. Deadline to enter is midnight, **April 30**—no fee to enter. The winner will be announced **May 31**. More info at FBISF.com.



Congrats to our friend Hanna Joensuu, whose "Silenced" won first place in the Arts and Design Society's "Small" show.

Photo submitted by Tuny Jennings.



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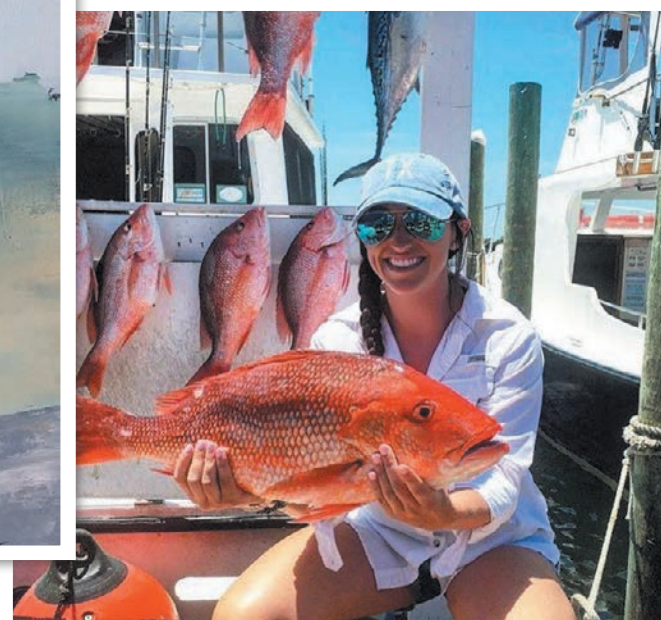
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Happy times on a dog-friendly beach. We counted at least six sets of paw prints.



@loridrew

Lori Drew is the featured artist at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library in March. Read more in this issue's Art section.



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Music

Long Live The Red Bar



The late great John "Jabo" Starks kickin' out the jams at Grayton Beach's Red Bar.

By Nikki Hedrick

Turns out I don't have—or can't find—as many photos as I expected to have. But I think that was (and hopefully is) part of the magic of The Red Bar. It forced you to be in the moment.

Oli took a building with deep community roots and turned it into something legendary. We were still a sleepy beach town. But instead of building a place *only* about people on vacation, he had a heavy metal poster

next to a jazz legend, both proudly plastered on the ceiling. It was a local's oasis in a sea of places trying to lure the most vacationers as possible.

To some, it wasn't much more than a few walls. But to so many of us, The Red Bar was bigger than the sum of its parts. We are the people who cried when the news spread. We are the people who feel heartbroken for an old wooden building whose floors creaked.

Long live the Red Bar.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

MARCH 1

Bryan Adams, *Shine a Light**
Tommy Castro & the Painkillers, *Killin' It Live*
Dennis Coffey, *Live at Baker's*. From 2006.
Della Mae, *The Butcher Shop EP*
Hozier, *Wasteland, Baby!**
In Flames, *I, the Mask*
Mark Morton, *Anesthetic*
Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, *The Best of Everything – The Definitive Career Spanning Hits Collection (1976-2016)**
Royal Trux, *White Stuff**
2 Chainz, *Rap or Go to the League*
Weezer, *Weezer (Black Album)**
Dee White, *Southern Gentleman*
Reese Wynans and Friends, *Sweet Release.** With Joe Bonamassa, Sam Moore, Vince Gill, Warren Haynes and more.

MARCH 8

Buckcherry, *Warpaint**
Chatham County Line, *Sharing the Covers**
Dido, *Still on My Mind**
Flight of the Conchords, *Live in London*
Foals, *Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost, Pt. 1**
David Gray, *Gold in a Brass Age**
Patty Griffin, *Patty Griffin**
Meat Puppets, *Dusty Notes**
Maren Morris, *GIRL*
New Kids on the Block, *Hangin' Tough (30th Anniversary Edition)**
Tesla, *Shock**
Tyr, *Hel*
Joni 75: A Birthday Celebration. James Taylor, Emmylou Harris, Graham Nash, Brandi Carlile, Los Lobos, Kris Kristofferson, Seal and more celebrate the great Ms. Mitchell. DVD available March 29.

* Also on Vinyl

Sources: Allmusic.com, Pauseandplay.com

Music > The Pauseandplay.com Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Bloodest Saxophone

Texas Queens 5

Vizztone/Dialtone



Bloodest Saxophone is a Japanese jazz sextet—tenor sax, baritone, trombone, guitar, upright bass and drums/congas. They partnered here with a blues, gospel, R&B and soul vocal quintet, the Texas Queens 5. Despite the exotic sound of such a mix, the result is a quintessentially American hybrid. Both groups are deeply rooted in the sounds of the '50s and '60s, when rock, jazz and blues were joyously miscegenating. It's rolling, throbbing, raunchy and bawdy, but thankfully irony-free, so you can enjoy it the way it was meant to be enjoyed, eyes wide open. Grab a banana mic and lip-sync away.

- Bruce Collier

Heatseeker

Heatseeker

Independent



Pulling from both traditional hardcore and thrash metal influences, Pensacola's Heatseeker is bound to bring that mosh pit energy to everything they do. This four-song EP sticks to the hardcore structure of short songs clocking in under two minutes, directly speaking for themselves. It's isn't about flowery prose, but a fearless form of aggression that doesn't hesitate to plainly speak its truth. Even better, they invested in the EP's production, giving this growing band better footing as they launch themselves forward.

- Nikki Hedrick

Later, Dude

Are We Helping? Are We Hurting?

Independent



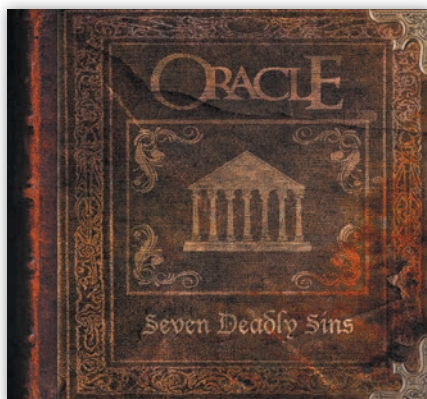
Nestled in the ultra-broad genre of alternative rock, Panama City's Later, Dude is what happens when pop-punk and emo sensibilities mature while achieving a more sophisticated song structure. Weighty introspective lyrics and emotional delivery—perhaps Later, Dude describes it best themselves: "You thought the world had enough bands of 20-something-year-olds writing songs about girls and existential crisis? THINK AGAIN!"

- Nikki Hedrick

Oracle

Seven Deadly Sins

Independent



A concept album of sorts from the Mobile band that has never fit neatly into one category of metal. Oracle are consistently heavy, but each song on this full-length has its own personality and secrets. Heavier than what you'll find on the average rock radio station but with enough melodic components to not seem wholly foreign to hard rock fans, Oracle deserves a listen from any headbanger.

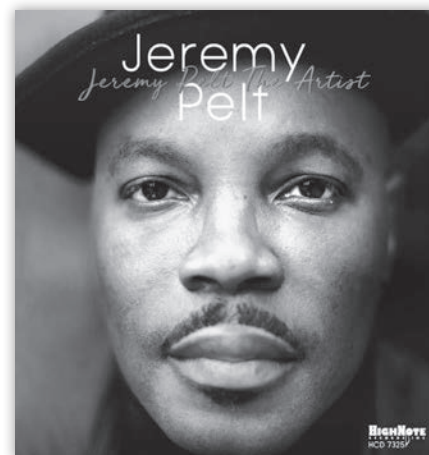
- Nikki Hedrick

Jeremy Pelt

The Artist

High Note

Jazz trumpeter-composer-educator Jeremy Pelt continues to travel on his own paths with *The*



Artist. Here he leads an octet featuring vibes, marimba, Fender Rhodes, piano, guitar, bass and percussion. The first five tracks are "The Rodin Suite," an interpretation of the life and works of the French sculptor Auguste Rodin. The remaining songs take their titles from creative materials, including "Ceramic" and "Watercolors," and so on. Pelt's themes seem to be the hands-on nature of art, and, in the case of "Feito" (meaning "finished") and "As of Now," the satisfaction of completed work balanced with the continuing urge to create.

- Bruce Collier

Possible(s) Quartet

Songs from Bowie

Les Improfreesateurs



French jazz foursome homage to rock's own original chameleon, the late David Bowie. The album title is an intentional hint—the 10 tracks are not traditional jazz covers of Bowie's songs. They're more like interpretational voyages, taking off from these musical launching pads. The first track, appropriately, is "Space Oddity." Other tracks include "The Man Who Sold the World" and "Life on Mars," with lesser known (i.e., non top-40) works as well. This is not David Bowie for Beginners (that's a lifetime study), but the Possible(s) are doing what jazz does best—creative exploration across musical boundaries.

- Bruce Collier



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AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
DR. DOG

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
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COCONUT RADIO, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
JOHN GALT AND MOJO BREEZE, 7:30-10:30 PM
The kids are planning a Tom Petty tribute. You got lucky.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
Jazz with BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
STRANGELOVE: The Ultimate Tribute to Depeche Mode

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

AMVETS, Crestview
REDSTONE
This is Gina Marini's new band. We caught them at the AMVets last time they played there, and they rocked!

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK, Panama City Beach

THE ROUGH & TUMBLE, 6:30-8 PM
Music at the Lodge Concert Series

THE CLUB AT LIVE BAIT, Orange Beach, AL
GRAYSON CAPPS, 9 PM

CLUB LA, Destin
FASTER PUSSYCAT
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DEWEY DESTIN'S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

1835 PORCH BAR, DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE, Destin
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
NICK HORTON, 9 PM-Midnight

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
GROUP THERAPY, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LANG HOLLOMAN DUO, 5 PM

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar, 850-651-5100
ALEXA BURROUGHS, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
DROPKICK MURPHYS
2019 St. Patrick's Day Tour

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

AJ'S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE'S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Santa Rosa Beach
DAVID OTT AND HIS ORCHESTRA, 3 PM (Doors Open at 2)
The Maestro conducts Beethoven's 7th Symphony and provides stories about what the composer was going through at that time in his life.

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

LOUIS LOUIS, Santa Rosa Beach
DIKKI DU & THE ZYDECO KREWE, 6:30 PM

Live Music

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

SEASIDE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Seaside Half Marathon

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

MONDAY, MARCH 4

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
FAT TUESDAY JAZZ BAND, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
DREW TILLMAN, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
K CAMP, 6 PM



Beachcomber Music Awards hall of famers Cadillac Willy perform at the recent fundraiser for Red Bar employees. More in this issue's News from Beachcomberland.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin,
CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CLUB LA, Destin
THE INTERRUPTERS
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ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Jam, 7-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
MICHAEL MAGAZZENI, 5 PM

PENSACOLA BAY CENTER, Pensacola
OLD DOMINION – JORDAN DAVIS – MITCHELL TENPENNY, 7 PM (\$29.50 and up)

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
DWIGHT YOAKAM, 7:30 PM (\$52 and up)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM
Ladies Night

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
TANK AND THE BANGAS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 PM

ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
HUMMING HOUSE, 7-10 PM
Tapas & Tequila Kick-Off Party with Garden & Gun Magazine.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDSHAKER, Pensacola Beach
CHRIS LANE – TEDDY ROBB, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
MICHAEL BETHEA, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BETWEEN THE BURIED AND ME

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 PM

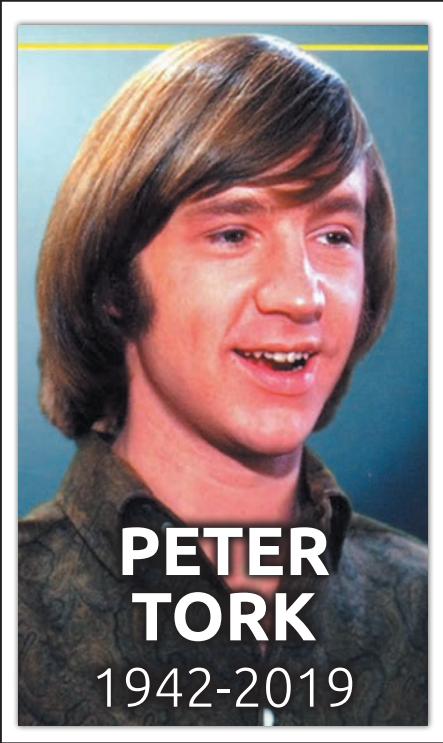
DEWEY DESTIN’S, Navarre
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8-11 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,
850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
THE LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 1-5 PM (Main Stage)
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Live Music Review

Lita Ford

Club LA, Destin, February 9, 2019



Let’s just get this out of the way—Lita Ford is 60. She’s been performing music on the public stage since she was 16 with the all-girl band The Runaways. In the ‘80s, she ruled rock radio and shaped the beginnings of MTV as a video vixen. She’s released eight solo albums, the most recent being 2013’s *The Bitch Is Back... Live*.

She’s never been some neatly packaged pop star, and that theme has carried over into her current tour. From night to night, a rough setlist seems agreed upon by the band but Lita always seems up to mixing it up. It isn’t about encores and ego stroking...only the music

that she seems to genuinely enjoy playing.

Her current band includes bassist Marty O’Brien, drummer Bobby Rock, and guitarist Patrick Kennison. Rock wins the award for one of the most intense drum solos I’ve seen live, while Kennison’s full-bodied backing vocals blended perfectly with Lita’s signature tone.

And Lita sounds phenomenal. She still can keep a packed house tuned in to her next guitar lick and put on a great night of music that included The Runaways’ “Cherry Bomb,” “Close My Eyes Forever,” and, of course, “Kiss Me Deadly.”
- Nikki Hedrick

Live Music

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville, MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
HAMMER OF THE GODS: The Led Zeppelin Experience

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE TANK, Valparaiso
REDSTONE

3RD PLANET BREWERY, Niceville
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6-9 PM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
JUSTIN ROGERS, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION: Tribute to Guns N’ Roses

THE WHARF AMPHITHEATER, Orange Beach, AL
LUKE COMBS – LANCO – JAMESON RODGERS, 7 PM (\$18 and up)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

CLUB LA, Destin
MEMPHIS MAY FIRE – HE IS LEGEND
Tickets available at www.rockdestin.com.

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 1-4 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RICK WILSON, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

THE WHARF AMPHITHEATER, Orange Beach, AL
ZAC BROWN BAND – MOON TAXI, 7 PM (\$20 and up)

MONDAY, MARCH 11

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5:30-8:30 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

HAMMERHEAD FRED’S, Panama City Beach
LIL JON, 7 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BUCKETHEAD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 5-9 PM
Ladies Night

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
BAY BRIDGE BAND, 7-9 PM
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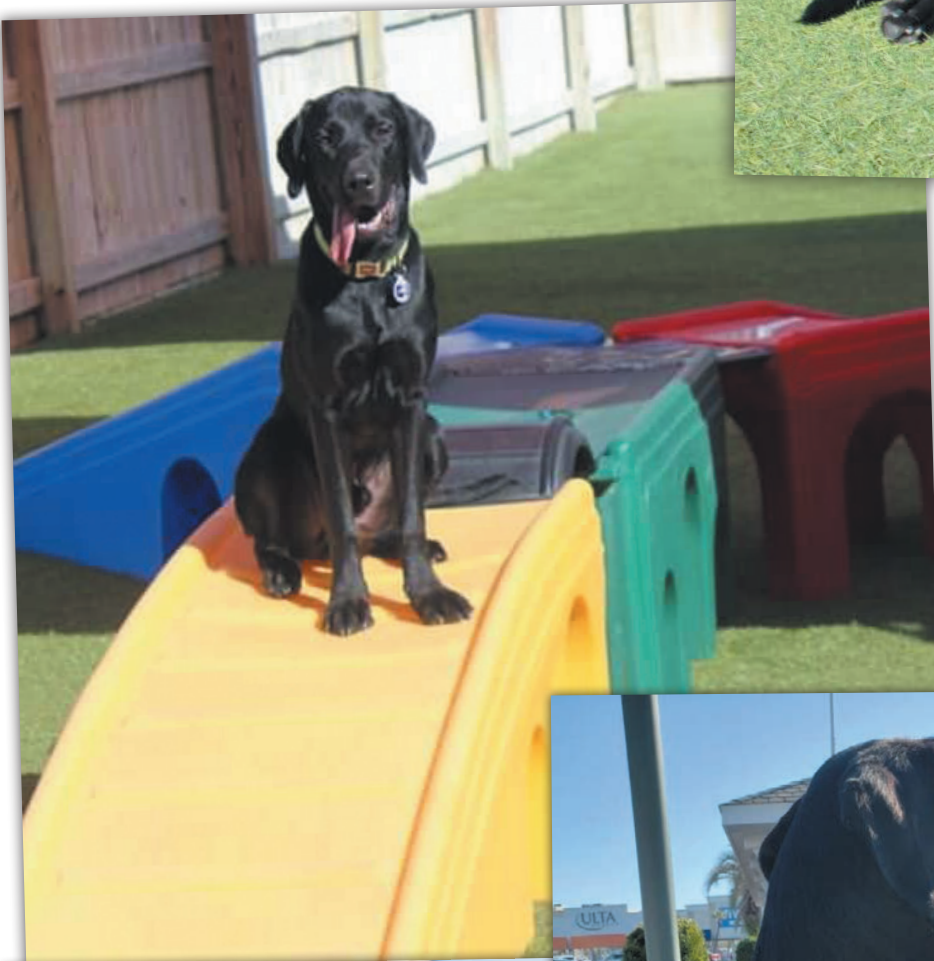
Rocky

Submitted by Karen Landmesser, healingpawsforwarriors.org

Rocky, approximately one-and-a-half years old, was a stray that was rescued last October from PAWS. He is a black Lab mixed with (maybe) Great Dane.

"After he spent three months training with me, he was paired with his veteran and they have been working together since the end of January," Ms. Landmesser tells Beachcomber.

"Rocky is sweet and friendly, and when he bonds with you he sticks to you like glue. He enjoys playing with other dogs and swimming in the pool, but his favorite pastime is napping in the sun."



*Submit your best friend(s) for a future
Pet of the Issue feature!
Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.*

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your March 14 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, **March 7**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THROUGH THURSDAY, MARCH 14

SHELTER HOUSE HANDBAG DONATIONS FOR PURSES WITH A PURPOSE

Various Businesses in Okaloosa and Walton Counties
shelterhousenwfl.org
Shelter House seeks new and gently used purses for the event coming up at Grand Boulevard **March 28**. Donations may be dropped off at Shelter House's Fort Walton Beach, Crestview and DeFuniak Springs locations 8 AM-5 PM Monday through Friday. Also—Cook Family Dentistry, Santa Rosa Beach; Escapology, The Market Shops at Sandestin; and Foundations Medical Center, Destin.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

"SPILL THE TEA" SPOKEN WORD/POETRY NIGHT

Enlightened Studios, Downtown Fort Walton Beach, 6:30-9 PM

VETERANS SUCCESS CENTER GRAND OPENING

Northwest Florida State College Building 500, Niceville, 3 PM
nwfsc.edu

Check out NWFSC's one-stop shop to expand educational opportunities, transitional services and career services for veterans and their families. Speakers include Florida Senator **George Gainer**, Florida House Representative **Mel Ponder**, and more. Light refreshments and guided tour to follow.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

DANCE-EXERCISE

Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM



An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin...be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

MARDI GRAS GOLF SCRAMBLE

Shalimar Pointe Golf Club, 8:30 AM
heritage-museum.org

The **Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida's** annual golf scramble includes flight winner awards, silent auction, raffle, refreshments, and complimentary massages by **A Day Away**. Registration is \$70 for individuals, \$250 for a foursome. To register, visit the website listed above or call 850-678-2615.

MARDI GRAS PARADE

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 2-5 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com

Beads, dazzling floats, street performers and live music from **Fais Do Do...** it's the biggest Mardi Gras parade on the Destin Harbor! If your Krewe would like to participate, email **RMagee@harborwalkvillage.com**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

WSRE PBS KIDS & FAMILY DAY

Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, Okaloosa Island, 10 AM-2 PM
gulfarium.com

Hang with the stars of *Nature Cat* and *Peg + Cat*, along with **Clifford the Big Red Dog**.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

MARDI GRAS DOG PARADE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 2-4 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
This year's theme is "Bone Appetit!"

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER

Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND HEROES' WELCOME

The Historic Gulfview Hotel, Fort Walton Beach, 5:30-7:30 PM
FWBchamber.com

A sneak peek at the hotel, which will eventually reopen as the Fort Walton Beach Welcome Center, and an observance of the 75th anniversary of "Operation Thursday," the creation of the 1st Air Commando Group. Special appearances by **Lt. Col. Dick Cole**, the sole surviving member of the Doolittle Raiders; and World War II vets **Bill Cartwright** and **Patt Meara**.

Plus—**Dennis R. Okerstrom**, author of *Dick Cole's War* and *Project 9 – The Birth of Air Commandos in World War II*, hors d'oeuvres from Magnolia Grill, wine from Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, and beer from Props Craft Brewery.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on the Chamber website.

FAT TUESDAY BAYTOWNE BASH PARADE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Colorful floats, golf carts and pickup trucks shower parade-goers with beads, Moon Pies and who knows what else. Plus—street performers and "throws" from balconies at parties at various village merchants.

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Alice and Milton Sheppardson, one of over 200 couples who renewed their wedding vows at LuLu's Destin's Fourth Annual Tropical Re-Union. Congrats to the Sheppardsons on 68 years of love and commitment!

Photo by Kay Phelan.

Events

FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION AND PET COSTUME CONTEST
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 5-8 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
FREE red beans and rice, parade at 6, and friendly four-legged competition at 6:30.

THE KILTIED MAN
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572



Matthew Gurnsey, a/k/a The Kiltied Man, performs Celtic music and shares tales of wayward voyages and unrequited love. FREE. Presented by **The Friends Guild of the Destin Library**. Learn more at **thekiltiedman.com**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
An easy, intuitive way to exercise through dance. Movements come from modern dance, yoga and Tai Chi. Stretch, pull, spin...be creative. Robert instructs. Open to men and women of all ages. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for non-residents.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

EIGHTH ANNUAL GUMBO THROWDOWN
First City Bank, Fort Walton Beach, 5:30-7:30 PM
FirstCityBank.com
Taste gumbo from Beachcomberland's top restaurants, plus wine, beer, Mardi Gras-themed beverages, beignets and King Cake, live music, photo booth, prizes and giveaways. Proceeds benefit **Fresh Start for Children & Families**. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Kids under 12 attend FREE.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8

DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
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TAPAS & TEQUILA KICK-OFF PARTY
Captain's Deck, Emerald Grande, 7 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
Presented by *Garden & Gun*, enjoy an evening of delightful small plates, signature tequila beverages and mixologist demos as a prelude to Saturday's Tequila & Taco Fest. Plus—live music by Nashville's **Humming House**.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8-SUNDAY, MARCH 10

LEGENDS WEEKEND AT SANDESTIN
Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Miramar Beach
sandestin.com/legends
Sandestin welcomes New Orleans Saints players and members of the Saintsations. Events include Mix and Mingle Friday, and Saints Legends Charity Golf Tournament and Gala on Saturday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

TEQUILA & TACO FEST
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 1 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com



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Events

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 PM
eccac.org
Live music, heavy *hors d'oeuvres*, cash bar, silent auction and local art. "We are thrilled to be celebrating 30 years on the Emerald Coast," says Emerald Coast Science Center executive director **Diane Fraser**. "We are hoping this event brings together those that supported our mission in the beginning, as well as those that are just learning about us. This celebration gives us an opportunity to showcase what we have to offer the community." Tickets are \$50 (\$45 for members).

THE 20TH ANNUAL KIERAN MAY MEMORIAL GALA
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, 6 PM
eccac.org

Fundraiser for **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center** hosted by Beachcomber Music Award winner **David Seering**, and featuring dinner, dancing and live music from **Mr. Big**. Plus—live and silent auctions. Dress is "coastal chic." Cost is \$250 per couple. Purchase tickets online or call Chelsea at 850-833-9237, ext. 256.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR "CRAB ISLAND MIKE" DePASS
The Block, Fort Walton Beach, 3-6 PM
Bring stories, pictures, memories...
30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

THE 20TH ANNUAL KIERAN MAY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Kelly Plantation Golf Club, Destin, Registration 11 AM-12:30 PM
eccac.org
Benefiting **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center**. Cost is \$400 and includes two tickets to the Saturday night gala.

MONDAY, MARCH 11
WEB DETECTIVE
Destin Library, 10 AM
850-837-8572
Web literacy presentation open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER
Destin Library, 9 AM
850-837-8572
Ms. Rezmer is a certified Tai Chi for Health instructor. Cost per class is \$5. Limited to 12 participants—call to preregister or drop by the library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
FLIGHT NIGHT
Twisted Grape Café and Wine Bar, Shalimar, 5 PM-Close
850-651-5100
Enjoy \$2 off wine flights and all the sights and sounds of our favorite Shalimar spot.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
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REVIEWING YOUR PERSONAL CREDIT ONLINE
Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572

Technology basics workshop open to any individual with a valid Okaloosa County Library Cooperative card on a first-come, first-served basis.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
DANCE-EXERCISE
Destin Community Center, Noon-1 PM
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THURSDAY, MARCH 14
BUBBLY BAYTOWNE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-7 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
An evening of FREE champagne and shopping for 21-and-uppers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14- FRIDAY, MARCH 15
"WHAT'S THE BIG DILL?" DESTIN PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
Destin Commons
850-837-6241



A round robin tournament with doubles competing in men's and women's age-based and open division categories. For sponsorship info, call the number listed above ore email tournament coordinator **Bryana Bahmer** at **bryana@DestinChamber.com**.



Denise and Kendall Wagner, who recently established a scholarship endowment with a gift of \$15,000 to support Northwest Florida State College students majoring in education. The scholarship was created in memory of Ms. Wagner's aunt, Margaret "Peggy" Kinsella, who had a passion for teaching and was adored by her many students over her 30-year teaching career.

Photo submitted by Northwest Florida State College.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 AM Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH Mass schedule (through Sept. 30)—Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Saturday, confessions from 4 to 4:30 PM, mass at 5 PM; daily mass Monday through Friday, 8 AM; First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 AM; First Saturday Mass, 8 AM Holy Days of Obligation, 8 AM and 6:30 PM 307 Beach Drive, Destin.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services—7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park, Destin Crab Trap, and the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk; 9:30 AM Xalt service (contemporary) at Destin Life Center; 9:30 AM harbor worship service at Brotula's in Destin; 11 AM traditional service at the Sanctuary; 5:30 PM sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-837-2021 or visit **DestinUMC.org**.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available.

Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 EHwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach

access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org**.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day

services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org**.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. **www.shorelinechurch.net**.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 AM and 5 PM 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 AM 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

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GOLF

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MUSEUMS

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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TUMBLING, ETC.

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Author Spotlight: Nic Schuck

Nic Schuck follows up his debut novel with a gritty tale of family drama set mostly in the fictional lumber town of Sullivan, Florida, a sleepy forgotten place on the Florida-Alabama border.

Panhandlers: a novel in stories follows Hank Ackerman as he grows up in poverty and attempts to escape the same demons that haunted his father. Sometimes dreams are all people have, and it's those dreams of far-off places that can be the difference

between embarking on a life of adventure or being complacent in the life you were born into.

Mr. Schuck was born in Pensacola and graduated with a MA in English from the University of West Florida. Prior to earning his MA, he spent 10 years as a public school teacher. In 2012, he started Emerald Coast Tours, a historic tour company. His debut novel, *Native Moments*, was published in 2016.



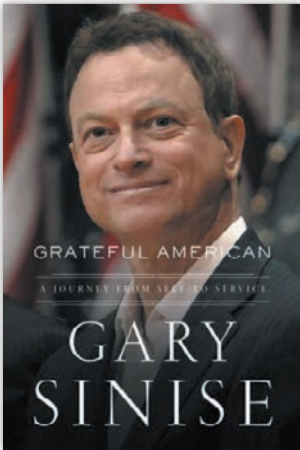
Recommended Reading

Gary Sinise and Marcus Brotherton

Grateful American: A Journey from Self to Service

Thomas Nelson

When people meet actor-humanitarian Gary Sinise, they usually recognize him as Lieutenant Dan, the disabled Vietnam veteran he played in the movie *Forrest Gump*. On his first USO trip to Kuwait in 2003, the very first soldier he met said, “Hey Lieutenant Dan, you got legs!” In fact, every soldier referred to him as Lieutenant Dan. He came to realize that if meeting “Lieutenant Dan” (as opposed to Gary Sinise) made someone’s day, that was okay by him.



played the lead in a TV miniseries of Stephen King’s *The Stand* and in 1993 won the role that would change his life.

Sinise was nominated for an Oscar for his role as Lieutenant Dan in *Forrest Gump*, and starred on TV’s *CSI: New York* for nine seasons. In the meantime, he began working with the USO, traveling to visit American troops overseas and in the U.S. He started the Gary Sinise Foundation to help veterans and first responders and their families.

Sinise also created the Lieutenant Dan Band to perform and raise money for these people. One aspect of his foundation is building new homes for disabled veterans free of charge.

This is a moving story of a young man from Chicago who found his calling to help those who defend America, a calling that Sinise serves selflessly.

- Samantha Lambert

Grateful American is the story of how Sinise found his calling to serve and honor America’s defenders, veterans and first responders, their families, and others in need. He wanted to make sure that these Americans were never forgotten.

The book begins by telling the story of how a young Sinise grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. As a teenager, he was more interested in music and sports than school. Sinise received a guitar for Christmas in fourth grade and from there formed bands with friends. He played baseball and football in junior high. By high school, he was headed down a dark road until he crossed paths with drama teacher Barbara Patterson.

Mrs. Patterson was directing *West Side Story* and asked Sinise and his friends to come and audition. To his surprise, he was chosen to be a Shark and he found his new community. Theater became his second chance. From there, Sinise learned everything he could about acting, directing, running sound, painting sets, and taking small parts.

In 1974, Sinise and his friends formed the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, still in existence today. The company put on many plays and included soon-to-be well-known actors like John Malkovich, Laurie Metcalf and Joan Allen. It was there that he met his future wife Moira Harris. In 1979, Sinise and Harris would move out to California.

In the 1980s and early ‘90s, Sinise would direct a movie and star in a production of *Of Mice and Men*. He

Larry Loftis

Code Name: Lise
Gallery Books

Code Name: Lise is the true story of Odette Sansom, a French woman who moved to England and, thanks to sending an employment application to the wrong address, got a job as a courier in a network of British and French Resistance operations in World War II. Her exploits made her the most highly decorated spy of the war. Loftis keeps the action going at the pace of a novel—escapes, torturous Gestapo interrogations, even a little romance—all based on documents and recorded interviews. The result is a complex, grey-area world, with loyalties shifting and turning on a dime.

- Bruce Collier



Book Clubs

THURSDAY, FEB. 28
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
artsdesignsociety.org
The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
BOOK LOVERS CLUB
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM
850-267-2809
The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
ALL ABOUT BOOKS
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

Upcoming Books

MARCH 5
Laura Childs, *Broken Bone China*
Michael Guillebeau, *Emerald Coast: Free Money*
Greg Iles, *Cemetery Road*
Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe*
Gretchen Rubin, *Outer Order, Inner Calm: Declutter and Organize to Make More Room for Happiness*
Ryan H. Walsh, *Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968*. Paperback.

MARCH 7
Ian Hunter, *Diary of a Rock 'n' Roll Star*. Paperback.

MARCH 12
C.J. Box, *Wolf Pack: A Joe Pickett Novel*
Olivia Newton-John, *Don't Stop Believin': A Memoir*
James Patterson & Brendan Dubois, *The First Lady*
Joel C. Rosenberg, *The Persian Gamble*
Eric Topol, *Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again*
Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*
Alberto Villaldo, *Grow a New Body: How Spirit and Power Plant Nutrients Can Transform Your Health*

Sources: Netgalley.com, Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

FRESH SEAFOOD?



One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
“How can we be sure we’re getting fresh seafood?”

That’s an excellent question. In the state of Florida, even though it is surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local”. According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much

of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Imported seafood stat: http://www.fishwatch.gov/farmed_seafood/outside_the_us.htm
Tilapia/pig feces: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html>

Reviews

BlackKkKlansman

Directed by Spike Lee
DVD/Blu-ray, Amazon, Apple, et al.



Based on the true story of a black policeman in Colorado who secretly infiltrated the Klan, Spike Lee's strongest film in years creatively

traces white nationalism from blockbusters like *Birth of a Nation* and *Gone with the Wind*, through PSAs of the 1950s, to the Charlottesville white nationalist rally. Lee shows us how these discourses, sponsored by those in power, teach the insane notion that America becomes "great again" through homegrown hate, violence and racialized terrorism.

- Dr. David C. Simmons

Ken Jeong: You Complete Me, Ho

Netflix
Jeong uses his first Netflix standup comedy special to joke about his wife Tran Ho, his Korean background, and his character in the *Hangover* movies. Some of the jokes and audience interaction are funny, but there are quite a bit that make you twiddle your thumbs, a bummer even if you like the actor-comedian. He cusses a lot—that could be his actual self or how he chooses to portray himself, but it's always the F-bomb. Rarely did I hear any other profanities escape his mouth. At best, this is mediocre.

- Evangeline Murphy

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

MARCH 5

Burning. Ah-in Yoo, Jong-seo Jun, Steven Yeun.

Creed II. Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone, Dolph Lundgren.

The Favourite. Emma Stone, Rachel Weisz, and this year's Best Actress Academy Award Winner Olivia Colman.

Free Solo. The Oscar-winning documentary about climber Alex Honnold.

Instant Family. Mark Wahlberg, Rose Byrne.

MARCH 12

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald.
Johnny Depp, Eddie Redmayne, Jude Law.



Green Book. This year's surprise winner for Best Picture at the Oscars.

Source: Metacritic.com

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

MARCH 1

Greta. Chloe Grace Moretz, Isabelle Huppert.

Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral. Sordid family secrets are revealed in backwoods Georgia. With Mike Tyson.



MARCH 8



Captain Marvel. Carol Danvers finds herself in the middle of an alien race war.

Source: Metacritic.com

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 4

SPIKE LEE'S "BLACKKKLANSMAN"

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 6:30 PM
The acclaimed story of Ron Stallworth, the Colorado police detective who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan. Presented by the Northwest Florida State College Film Club and open to the public.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

MORGAN NEVILLE'S "WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR"

Destin Library, 2 PM
850-837-8572



FREE screening of the inspiring 2018 documentary about Mr. Fred Rogers. Sponsored by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library.



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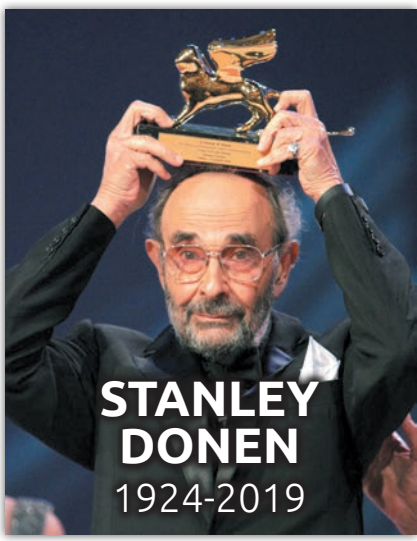
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Call for Submissions: Third Annual Northwest Florida Theatre Festival

Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC) announces an open call for entries for the third annual Northwest Florida Theatre Festival, set for May.

The call for entries is open to anyone interested in staging plays, performance art, musicals, dance and/or published or unpublished original work. Submitted pieces must be no longer than 90 minutes.

This is an open, non-juried invitation for regional involvement. Audience ratings will be determined by the artists, not the festival. Shows are required to list their warnings (Language, Adult Content, Nudity, Violence, Extreme Situations). Ratings are based on recommended minimum ages as follows: All Ages, 7 and up, 13 and up, and 18 and up.

A \$50 per production application fee includes All Festival Participant Passes for up to five participants. Each performing group accepted will receive five complimentary tickets per performance to their show.

ECTC will provide a technical director and a production coordinator to assist with each piece. Lights and set will be general in nature; special needs will be considered, but are not guaranteed. Performing groups will be responsible for providing their own stage manager, props, costumes and specialized set pieces. ECTC will have acting cubes, small table and chairs, and a few other pieces for use.

Deadline for entry applications is **April 8**. Technical rehearsal dates are **May 7-11**, and the festival will run **May 15-21**.

Showtimes will be Wednesday through Friday between 6 and 8:30 PM and Saturday and Sunday between 9 AM

and 8:30 PM. More showtimes will be added if needed, and may include Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15.

The festival will be staged at Emerald Coast Theatre Company's performance space located at 560 Grand Boulevard upstairs, in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin in Miramar Beach.

Festival show ticket prices are set by each producing organization and will range from \$15 to \$25. All access passes will be available for purchase for \$100. Forty percent of the ticket price will go to the performing organization.

The Northwest Florida Theatre Festival is designed as an inclusive and creative celebration of a community of artists. The festival will be produced in concert with the Cultural Arts Alliance's Art Week South Walton. *Beachcomber* magazine is the media sponsor.

"Each year this festival grows in both the variety of content and the types of groups involved," says ECTC producing artistic director **Nathanael Fisher**. "We are thrilled to be able to open our doors and give a stage to foster creativity in our community and welcome everyone to join us on stage or as an audience member."

For more information and to download an online application to enter the Northwest Florida Theatre Festival, visit **NWFTTheatreFestival.com**. Follow the conversation by using hashtag **#AStageForAll**.

To make a tax-deductible donation, volunteer or learn more about Emerald Coast Theatre Company, find them on Facebook, call 850-684-0323, and visit **www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org**.

- Zandra Wolfgram



Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

"DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE COMES TO LIFE"

WSRE Jean & Paul AMos Performance Studio, Pensacola State College, 7 PM (Doors Open at 6:30)

WSRE.org



FREE WSRE Public Square event. In costume and character, **Ersula Knox Odom** shares stories of Ms. Bethune's contributions to democracy as a New Deal government official in one of the 20 highest-level offices held by women in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt administration and the highest held by an African-American woman.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "BAD DATES"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "BAD DATES"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

Jennifer Steele stars as restaurant manager and shoe connoisseur Haley Walker, who is finally ready to re-enter the dating world. From the privacy of her bedroom, she relates a series of hilarious tales while preparing for, and recovering from, one dreadful date after another. A 2003 off-Broadway hit, this production of Theresa Rebeck's sharp comedy will be the hottest date night in town and a triumphant night out for women of all ages. **Whitney Rappana** directs.

Recommended for mature audiences. Tickets are \$30, \$28 for seniors (55 and up), students and military. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "BAD DATES"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "BAD DATES"

560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 PM
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

STAGE CRAFTERS' "MAMMA MIA!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 PM
stagecraftersfwb.com

Following their superb production of *A Chorus Line* in 2018, the Crafters take on another lofty song and dance spectacular.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

STAGE CRAFTERS' "MAMMA MIA!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 PM
stagecraftersfwb.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

STAGE CRAFTERS' "MAMMA MIA!"

Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 PM
stagecraftersfwb.com



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A Gem on the Way to Someplace Amazing...Quito, Ecuador

By Danette Benton

Quito, Ecuador was supposed to be a place that we flew into to get to our journey for the Galapagos Islands, just a stopping point before proceeding further. I usually book a couple of extra days on the front side and back side of a trip when I have to do that, because I usually find things to do in the stopping off place. It also gives me a chance to acclimate to climate, altitude, etc.

Quito was a gem on the way to someplace amazing. I researched a few things before I arrived. I found out there was some nice hiking in the area. I saw a little article about the Mindo Cloud Forest. I heard about a market north of town and that most of the world's roses were grown there.

We stayed at the Hilton Colon in Quito. It was very nice, and the staff were very friendly and helpful. This was the hotel we would connect at for our G Adventures tour to the Galapagos, so I felt like it made it easy to just stay there. There were always roses in the lobby. In the market, you can buy 25 roses for a dollar.



Once we dropped our bags off at the room, we made our way to the concierge's desk. He gave us brochures for tours. I am not a fan of tours. I asked him if he could get us a private driver who spoke English. The difference between a private driver and two of us taking a tour was \$20 per day. He told us to come back in the morning around 8 AM and he would have a driver waiting for us. We ate dinner at the hotel and called it a night.

The next morning, we had breakfast and made our way to the lobby. The concierge introduced us to our driver, Luis Saltos. Luis was amazing! He asked us what we wanted to do and see. We told him we would like to photograph Cotopaxi and asked him to tell us what we should see. He told us we would head for Cotopaxi first. Our first day's journey began.



We drove about two hours South of Quito. Luis stopped at a few places he thought would have good views and allowed us to take pictures. He then drove us into the Cotopaxi National Park. Cotopaxi is an active volcano. The name means "neck of the moon."

He went inside to find us a guide (park rules), and Julie and I shopped at some of the booths that were set up inside. We realized very quickly that we were dressed for the Galapagos, not a hike in the mountains. I had layered with a couple of lightweight jackets, but as we drove upward it was considerably colder. We purchased some alpaca scarves, a beanie, and an alpaca poncho. We were ready to hike.

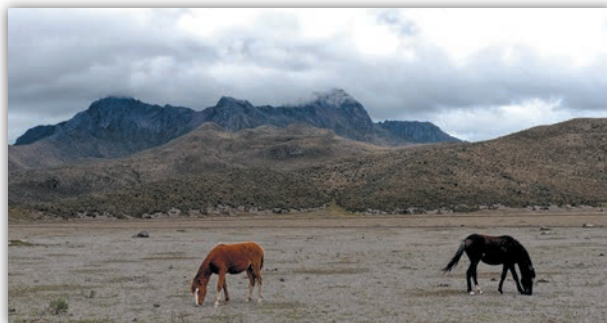
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Luis found his way back to us with a guide in tow. Her name was Paulina. She was dressed like the women dress in the mountains—poncho, felt hat, and colorful clothing. She was so very sweet. She told us the day was cloudy, but with some luck, we might get a glimpse of the summit at Cotopaxi. I told her I believed we would have a good day. She said I had very good energy.

We drove up a little road that was worn like a washboard. Paulina said this was the massage and there was no extra charge for that. She explained about the trees. The crying trees came from Chile. The other pines came from the U.S.

We stopped in the car and she said we had arrived at “the magic area.”



On one side of the road were feral horses. Behind them was Ruminahui. It is a dormant volcano. The name means “stone face.” On our right was Cotopaxi. Lots of clouds were covering the snowcapped summit. It was cold and windy and magnificent.

We took pictures of the horses, then sat and waited. Waited for the heavens to part and a bit of sun to come out. Most people don’t understand that the biggest part of photography is waiting. Waiting



for the light to get right. Waiting for an animal or wildlife to show up. Waiting for wildlife to look your way or run by you. It is in these moments that you just soak up the moment.



After a bit, the sun peaked through and we were able to see the snow capped summit. On an overcast day, this was going to be our best shot. She said summertime was better for those days. We shrugged our shoulders and smiled. We were there for the best time of year for the Galapagos, and anything extra as far as a photograph was concerned was icing on the cake. We were happy. Happy to be in this amazing place. We had good energy!



We hiked to the top of a peak. There were bright orange flowers called, Chuquirahua (spurs of fire). The view was breathtaking!

We hiked all over the side of the mountain. Once we finished, Paulina took us down to the lagoon. Limpiopungo (clean entrance gate)—on a clear day, that is when you will get the reflection of Cotopaxi in the lagoon. These are the pictures I have seen in magazines. This day was not a clear day and not cooperating for that shot.



I told Paulina, what I really wanted was a shot of a llama beside the mountains. She said, “My mama has a llama. We will go meet him.” We travelled back down the narrow road and sure enough we ended up at her mama’s house and met the llama.

She said, “He does not spit.” Julie and I walked up to him, and I was talking baby talk. He was very curious and put his nose and lips right up to mine. I fell in love with this llama!

We bid farewell to Paulina. Luis said he would take us to the Equator next.

Read more about Danette Benton’s adventures at passportgal.com.

A Bientôt The Red Bar...

By Bruce Collier

In the early hours of the morning of February 13, a fire destroyed The Red Bar in Grayton Beach. The event made national news.

The Red Bar was here when I moved to this area, in the latter part of the '90s. It reportedly opened 24 years ago (on Super Bowl Sunday), so it hadn't been open that long when I got here. Still, the first time I went there (for lunch), it already had the look of a permanent institution.

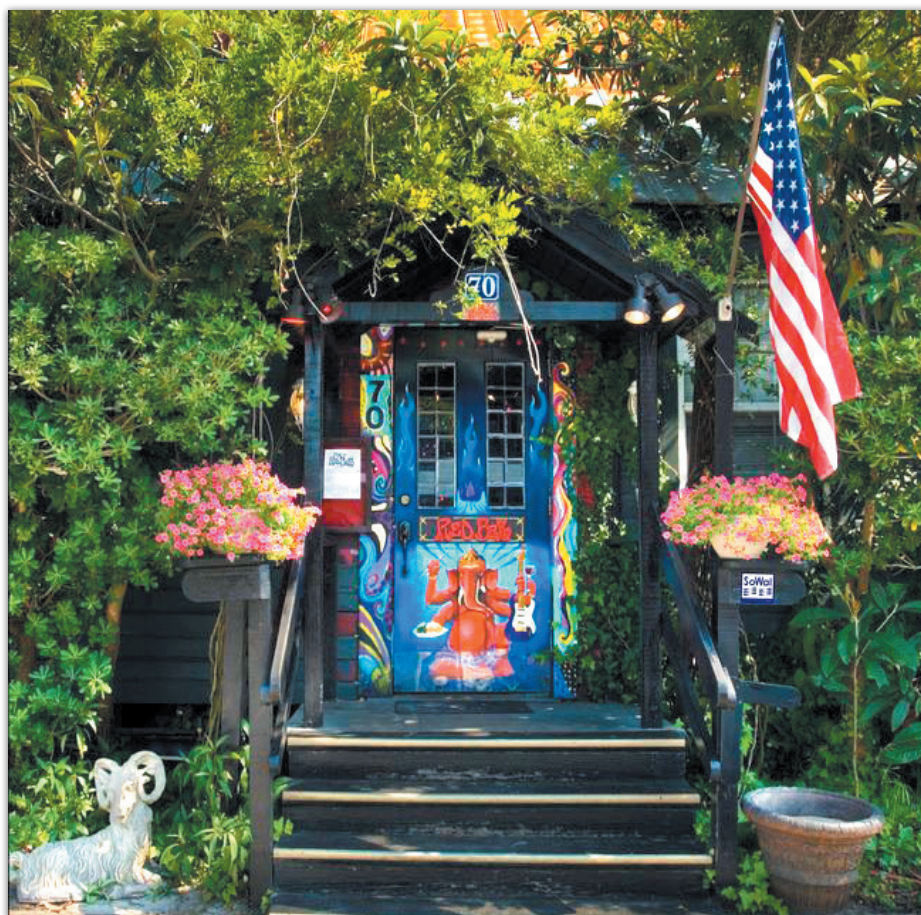
It might have been the decor. Pretty much every square inch inside was painted, postered, embellished or hung with a near-indescribable collection of classic and pop art. There were posters of sports (especially soccer), movies (foreign films, or American films with foreign titles) concerts (from jazz to opera) and photos of the famous, the infamous, and the just plain unidentified. In between were album covers, framed artwork, frameless local

artwork, carvings, and just interesting stuff. Like the Louvre, it could not be appreciated fully in one or two visits. You had to see it, study it. I hope you did, because that stuff is gone.

That's the worst part—stuff is gone. Walls, roof, kitchen, furnishings, inventory.

The good part...no, the good *parts* are many. Most important, no one died, or was injured. Also intact are the memories of great meals, terrific music, and houses packed like subway cars. The Grayton Beach neighborhood's limited parking brought out the stalking skills and territoriality of an African lioness in otherwise docile tourists.

I used to know the menu by heart, and I've tried everything they make. My favorites are the panne chicken, blackened grouper with bacon cheddar grit cake, grilled fish sandwich, and those incomparable weekend-only crab cakes with citrus beurre blanc.



Then there's the apple dumpling, and—occasionally—the chocolate creme brûlée. The latter always made me feel like I was on some insiders list.

even beach mice couldn't squeeze in. The place was consistently voted Best Bar for Music on any number of area polls.

It's a testament to the management's self-confidence that the crab cake recipe was made public years ago. Sure, now you could make the crab cakes at home, and not just on Friday and Saturday. But you'd miss Olivier, with his leading man looks and Continental manner with customers. And his brother Philippe, soccer fan (and player) discussing *Highlander: The Series*, at least with a fellow enthusiast like me.

That said, this isn't meant to be a eulogy. That's for the dead and gone, not the temporarily absent. I can't count all the restaurants, bars and dining establishments that have come, dazzled, fizzled and vanished without a trace in this area. There are buildings that have housed as many as six brilliant-on-paper ideas for dining, all of which crashed and burned. Other buildings were simply torn down to be replaced by unattainable housing. The Red Bar building itself housed several previous businesses.

And your server bringing out the blackboard menu, which she'd either prop on an empty chair, or, in the absence of any empty chairs, just stand there and hold while you made up your mind. It never took long, at least for the locals. After all, you could always come back tomorrow for what you almost got tonight.

So this is not Farewell, Red Bar. It's more a *bientôt* ("see you soon") because within days of the loss, Oli Petit went on the record, saying: "I want to tell our patrons and my staff that we will be back, and we will rebuild to the exact previous specifications—maybe with a better bathroom. Life goes on."

Lunch there was a great place to talk business, or just sit around and watch others talk business while you drank beer, ate hamburgers, and studied the walls. God knows how much South Walton property was bought and sold at Red Bar; at least the lunches were sensibly priced.

Do we really want a better bathroom? I mean, wasn't queuing up to use the potty—placed strategically within a few paces of the bar—an essential part of the Red Bar experience? How many friendships were begun, how many business deals were refined, how many SoWal dynasties were founded, outside the door of the Red Bar loo? Just saying.

And the music. Brunch with music there was likened to a religious experience (Church of Bloody Mary?). When Dread Clampitt was playing,

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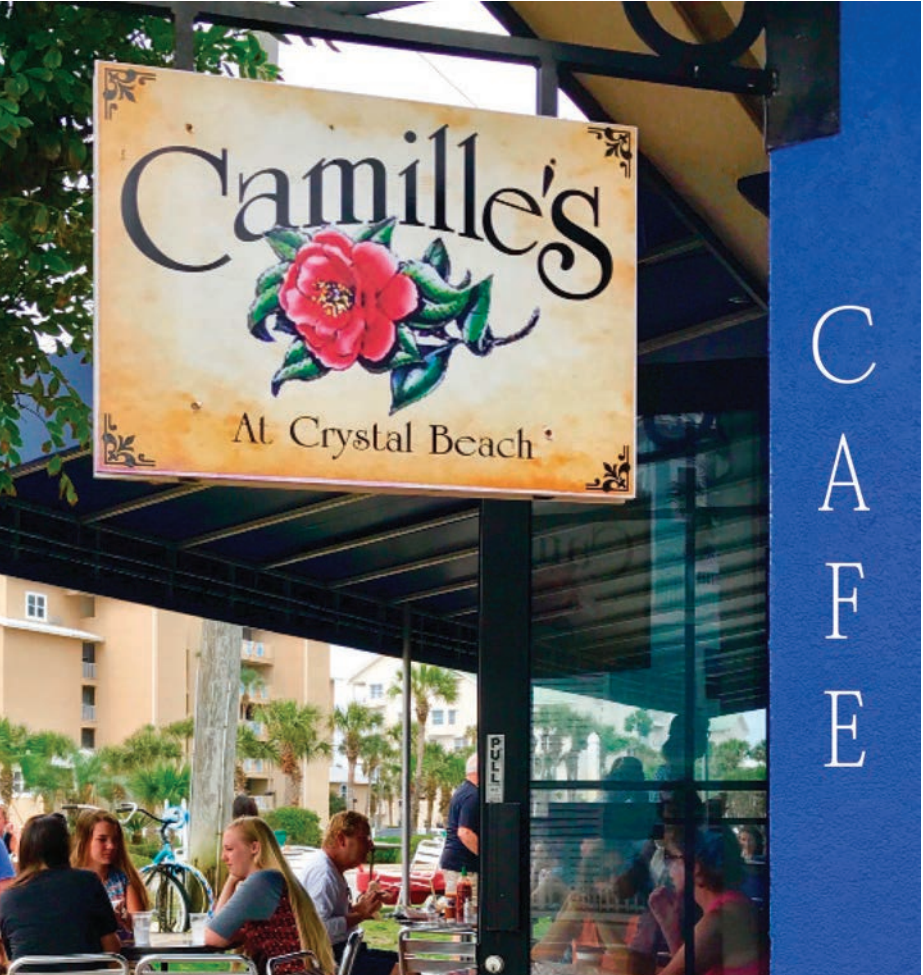
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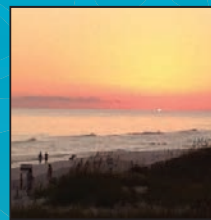
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Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
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Destin
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Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

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950 Gulf Shore Drive
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When: 4-6 PM daily.
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850-534-0400
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Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of



beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

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1193B Eglin Parkway
Shalimar
850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Tequila and Tacos, Plus Chocolate

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
I love tacos and noticed tickets are on sale now for a Tequila & Taco Fest at HarborWalk Village. The problem is my wife. She doesn't like tacos and she doesn't like tequila. Is it reasonable to expect her to go with me, or should I go alone?
- Mark N. from Destin

I don't know what kind of relationship you have with your wife, Mark, so it's difficult to answer your question. If you have the kind of relationship where you support each other in different endeavors, she'll probably gladly go. But if you routinely go your own way, and she's okay with that, you should simply go alone.

There's nothing worse than going to a festival where you can't find anything to eat or drink that you like. I'm not a big beer drinker, for example, so every time my boyfriend brings up a beer festival I cringe. What am I supposed to do, smuggle in my own bottle of wine? Actually, that's not a bad idea. They have all kinds of neat smuggling-in gadgets these days.

Here's what you should do: Buy your wife one of those smuggling-in wine bras with a long built-in straw, and then she can covertly drink wine to her heart's content while you throw back tequila. Just be sure you Uber home since you'll both be two sheets under when the day is over.



The Sixth Annual Tequila & Taco Fest is happening Saturday, March 9, at HarborWalk Village in Destin.

Dear Dawn,
The other night my boyfriend casually mentioned he would never move to where the weather was cold. It sounded like he was considering moving, so I questioned him about it. He answered that he wasn't planning to move, but if he "had to" move, like if he were in the Witness Protection Program, he wouldn't move to an area with cold weather. I thought he was being funny, but I started thinking about it and now I'm wondering if there's something I don't know. What should I do?
- Shelley P. from Chipley

Well, Shelley, if my boyfriend casually mentioned the Witness Protection Program, I think I'd be a little alarmed too. What would make that come to mind? What has he been involved in that you don't know about? Your question actually got me all jacked up, so I asked my own boyfriend if he was a part of the Witness Protection Program. Needless to say, he thought I had lost my mind, and his bemused reaction quickly brought me back to earth.

I'm sure if your boyfriend really were in the program he wouldn't have mentioned it. He'd just quietly move away and that would be the end of that. So forget about it. Sounds like he was just trying to be funny, and you can't blame the guy for trying!

Dear Dawn,
My husband bought me the biggest box of chocolates I've ever seen in my life for Valentine's Day. If I ate one a day for a year, I'd still have some left over. How long do you think I can eat these chocolates before they go bad?
- Pamela C. from Niceville

Why would you only eat one chocolate a day? That seems weird to me. But in answer to your question, the chocolates will be okay for anywhere from six months to two years. As it turns out, it's hard for candy to spoil, due to its low moisture content, but it depends on the type of candy.

But rather than just eating one a day and taking forever to eat them, knock them out in a couple of months! Let's pretend you have 360 pieces of Valentine's Day candy to deal with. Take that number, divide it by the number of days in two months, around 60, and the result is you'd need to eat six chocolates a day to empty that box. Six chocolates a day seems reasonable.

And what a lucky lady you are to have such a thoughtful husband. I didn't get ANY chocolate for Valentine's Day. I did get an exquisitely delicious bottle of port, though, which I consumed in one night. What? I didn't want it to go bad!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to office@beachcomberdestin.com.

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	Moon	28%	High 6:36pm
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	Sunset	5:45pm	Low 5:49am
	Moon	19%	High 7:37pm
3.3	Sunrise	6:10am	TIDES
	Sunset	5:46pm	Low 6:24am
	Moon	12%	High 8:28pm
3.4	Sunrise	6:09am	TIDES
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	Moon	7%	High 9:12pm
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	Sunset	5:47pm	Low 7:05am
	Moon	3%	High 9:53pm
3.6	Sunrise	6:07am	TIDES
	Sunset	5:48pm	Low 7:12am
	Moon	0%	High 10:36pm
3.7	Sunrise	6:05am	TIDES
	Sunset	5:49pm	Low 7:08am
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3.8	Sunrise	6:04am	TIDES
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	Moon	1%	High 1:03pm
3.9	Sunrise	6:03am	TIDES
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	Moon	4%	Low 6:20pm/8:04pm
3.10	Sunrise	7:02am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:51pm	High 3:46am/1:42pm
	Moon	8%	Low 5:47am/10:32pm
3.11	Sunrise	7:01am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:51pm	High 2:01pm
	Moon	15%	
3.12	Sunrise	7:00am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:52pm	Low 12:04am
	Moon	23%	High 2:37pm
3.13	Sunrise	6:58am	TIDES
	Sunset	6:53pm	Low 1:40am
	Moon	32%	High 3:30pm

AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



You are under the water sign. How apt. Water is not your friend when it rises very quickly, catching you in an impassable arroyo. Muddy water racing south. Already full of flotsam and dead animals of all varieties. The water rises to your chest, your neck, and then you are covered. Three minutes without air...that's all it takes.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20



The people you thought were friends aren't your friends. The banks that loaned you money want it back. The people who used to work for you will not work for you anymore. The people who used to laugh with you aren't laughing now. The full moon in Virgo understands this. It shines a bright light on a continuous run of calamities.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20



The Mars and Uranus connection creates a special time for you to consider the wonderful things life has offered and the many ways you have positively influenced others. You're in the zone, seeing things clearly and thinking of all the wonders life offers. All numbers are lucky. All days of the week are productive.

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21



Mars continues to rampage through your sign. So much of life has been an uphill slog lately...it now becomes a hair-raising descent into the bowels of hell. You ever see the Tour de France cyclists careening around downhill curves at 50 MPH? Get ready. And it all leads to nothingness.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21



If you feel defeated, depleted, dejected and de-energized, it's due partly to the new moon in Aquarius. It's also due to your inability to cope with normal day-to-day situations. You've made mountains out of molehills for so long you've lost a rational sense of the difference between washing the dishes and having a loved one cremated.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22



You've set the bar for accomplishments so low that for years you celebrated a ridiculous series of "successes." Getting your dog groomed is not a triumphant act. Finding the remote control might make you more comfortable, but it's not a great achievement. Preparing a bowl of cereal for breakfast is not going to qualify you for stardom. Loser.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23



You're on the move, going places, and you feel content. YOU'RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, AND YOU'RE GOING TO ALL THE WRONG PLACES! You're not just going to places that are boring and mundane, YOU'RE GOING TO PLACES THAT WOULD SCARE THE BEJESUS OUT OF ANY SANE PERSON! Stop that. Now.

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



The Virgo moon gets in order but you fall apart day by day. Your paranoia hits its stride. You'll wonder whether people will try to poison you. They will. You'll fear that friends and family are trying to defraud you. They are. You'll suspect that someone plans on fitting your car with a bomb. Have someone you don't like start your car for you.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



Your dreams aren't much different from your reality because of your innate ability to turn wishes into action. Your accomplishments can't be quantified, because the enormity of your body of work is unprecedented. To your credit, you accept the cavalcade of praises that come your way in an "aw, shucks" manner.

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



You've never been much on sharing. So if you think that anyone is interested in you sharing your endless tales of woe, misfortune and mistreatment, you are so very wrong. You're a downer. The only downer anyone ever partied with was Quaaludes, and that was in the 1970s.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Oh, you've got ideas. Lots of them. But no one things that your plan for a vegan cupcake/gluten free pretzel/frozen goat's milk yogurt store is a good one. You not only misread the public's taste for stupidity, you mistake your idiotic ramblings for impactful prose.

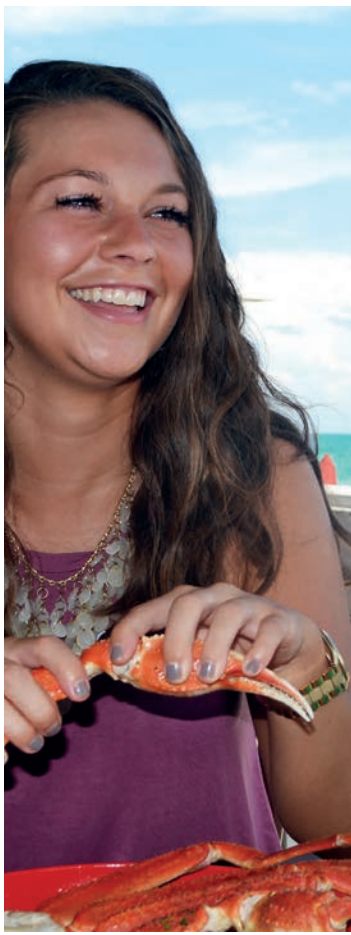
CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



You have a certain gift for stabilizing people around you. You have the ability to get disparate people to come to agreement. You help people form a consensus. The united front that you are able to get people to join is one that is absolutely positive that you are an imbecilic moron. A large group of educated, civilized people would pay money to see you attacked by a band of sick coyotes as though you were a crippled, musty farm animal.

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